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## WARSHIP RUNS UPON ROCKS

### Russia Loses Another Fighting Machine.

#### Wrecked While Returning to Port Arthur After Recent Battle.

Japanese Route the Russians in a Land Fight and Occupy Two Mountain Passes.

TOKIO, June 28.—It is reported that another Russian battleship has been discovered stranded on Tiger Rock. It is presumed she was wrecked while returning to Port Arthur after the recent naval engagement.

#### Japs Win Land Fight.

After a hot fight which lasted for six hours Monday morning, the Takushan division of the Japanese army completely defeated five battalions of Russian infantry, which, supported by two regiments of cavalry and sixteen guns, occupied Fen Shui Ling, some twenty miles northwest of Su Yen. The Russians finally fell back in the direction of Shi Mu Cheng. The Japanese casualties aggregated about 100 killed and wounded. Maj. Oba was killed during the battle.

#### Defeat of Russians Confirmed.

Advices from St. Petersburg state that Kuropatkin, in a dispatch from Liao Yang, admits the defeat of the Russian army at Fen Shui Ling, which the Japs occupy, as also Mo Tien pass.

Mo Tien pass and Fen Shui pass are about due east of Liao Yang. Ta pass is midway between and north of Mo Tien and Fen Shui passes, and is between Liao Yang and Mukden, and about twenty-five miles from the railroad connecting Liao Yang and Mukden. It will thus be seen that the Japanese forces which have occupied the passes mentioned are turning the left flank of the Russian position at Liao Yang and are threatening the railroad connecting Liao Yang and Mukden.

#### Pitched Battle Is Assured.

The unanimous opinion of the general staff at St. Petersburg is that a pitched battle is now assured. It is doubtful whether Kuropatkin will accept a fight with the Japs. He is more likely to try conclusions along a line of communication with the railroad between Hai Cheng and Liao Yang. Probably several days will be required to maneuver the large forces engaged in their new fighting positions.

#### GREAT ARMIES ARE NEARING EACH OTHER

ST. PETERSBURG, June 29.—No further advices from the front had been received up to midnight, though news from Gen. Kuropatkin and Rear-Admiral Witthorn was eagerly awaited. The news of heavy fighting pervaded the city, but they were based wholly on the fact that the armies are in close touch.

Though it appears from Gen. Kuropatkin's tactics that a heavy engagement is deferred for some days, it is possible that the Japs may force matters, but it is not generally expected here that Kuropatkin will give battle until he thinks it expedient of his own selection.

#### Situation Explained.

It may classify the military situation to explain that the country in which the armies are now coming into contact consists of a series of mountain chains running parallel to the railway, along which the Russians are falling back as the Japanese advance. Fen Shui, Mo Tien and Dalin are all passes which take their names from the mountains over which they run. Gen. Kuropatkin, who has heretofore been in the rear of these mountains, is advancing through a very rough country, and his army must traverse the passes named before emerging into the open country along the railway, approximately about 25 miles from the Japanese front.

#### In Close Touch.

The Russian outposts and the Japanese advance are now in close touch at all these passes. The Russians, after harassing the Japs by the use of the mountain passes, are falling back on Gen. Kuropatkin's main body, which is supposed to be somewhere between Liao Yang and Ta Tcho Kiao. Gen. Kuropatkin is now moving slowly toward along the railway, and where he makes his stand there will be predicted battle of the campaign.

#### Anxious About Port Arthur.

News from the Port Arthur squadron is eagerly awaited. The city is full of rumors, chiefly based on foreign telegrams, that the Russian fleet is being driven from the harbor. It is reported that Rear-Admiral Witthorn, who sailed off after giving battle to the Japanese, has been captured, and that the Russian fleet has been completely destroyed. It is known to have full authority that the Russian fleet is being driven from the harbor, and that the Russian fleet is being driven from the harbor, and that the Russian fleet is being driven from the harbor.

## COLORED BOY IS WHIPPED AT THE POST

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 28.—In accordance with Police Judge Riley's recent whipping post decision, a 14-year-old colored boy was given fifty lashes in the public square today. His coat was removed and the lad was whipped with a buggy whip in the presence of over 1000 citizens.



KINGDON GOULD.

The eldest son of George Gould is to study mining engineering and for that purpose he has taken the entrance examination for the Columbia school of mines. It is his object to thoroughly equip himself for the management of the Gould railroad and mining properties when they shall develop to his care. Kingdon Gould is now eighteen years old.

## Some Figures on Steel Combines

Merchant Marine Commission Obtains Some Information at Hearing in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., June 28.—The Merchant Marine Commission began its hearing in this city today. James C. Wallace of the American Ship Building company, said that American steel was delivered at Belfast for \$24 a ton, while the same steel cost purchasers in this country \$32 at Pittsburgh.

He was immediately questioned by members of the commission and he stated that his authority for the statement came from the assistant sales agent of the Carnegie Steel company, who gave as reasons for selling the steel so cheaply that they wanted to keep the mills running. "If that's so, it is an outrage," exclaimed Senator Gallinger, and his statement was applauded.

## Missouri Democrats Are for Cockrell

State Convention Which Meets at Joplin Will Instruct Unanimously for Senator.

JOPLIN, Mo., June 28.—Missouri Democrats will meet in convention here tomorrow to elect twenty-five delegates to the National convention at St. Louis. They very likely will be instructed unanimously to work for the nomination of Senator F. M. Cockrell for President. United States Senator W. J. Stone, Gov. A. M. Dockery and Congressman Champ Clark and D. A. De Armond are in the lead for delegates at large.

Granted Divorce, Wedded at Once. CHICAGO, June 28.—Marion Lintner, a Chicago kindergarten teacher, has been married today to Samuel Park, a millionaire banker and lumber merchant of Beaumont, Tex. The wedding took place on the day the bride was granted a divorce from H. H. Newton of Toledo, O.

## CACTUS CURES RHEUMATISMS

### Prickly Spines Beat Bee Stingers.

#### Wonderful Efficacy of This Common and Despised Plant.

Combines the Properties of Food, Drink and Medicine for Many Complaints.

#### Special to The Tribune.

M ODENA, Utah, June 28.—Beating cactus as a cure for rheumatism have been a matter of earnest discussion among the citizens of Modena for the past three or four days. Progressive youth had just about decided to defer to the ripe experience of mature years and inherited yaras of beating effectiveness, when a philosopher of the road arrived at the water tank and approached the San Pedro agent here and asked for a newspaper. He was handed a copy of The Tribune containing the first bee-stinger news. Shortly after a visible change was noted in his features, and it was soon discovered that this was no ordinary tramp.

#### Hobo Talks Medical Language.

"I was a practicing physician for twenty years back in Pennsylvania," said he, "and in some cases bee-stings have proven to be a corrective in the uric acid diathesis, which, of course, means that they would be effective in cases of rheumatism. However, it would require a great many stingers in some cases, and the old way of taking the remedy, as some bald-headed, rheumatic persons used to back in the States, was more severe than the disease." "The bee-stinger will not be a commercial success, for the reason that a much cheaper and more potent stinger may be had, and by the millions."

The old man straightened up with professional dignity and continued: "Why, I saw enough stingers along the San Pedro railroad today to alleviate the sufferings of a million rheumatic persons. I refer to what is commonly called the prickly pear cactus, or epiphyllo, of which I noticed many varieties, also the nipple cactus, or mammillaria, which are both effective cures for their respective ailments."

#### What the Cactus Is Good for.

"No doubt you have often wondered, as I did once, what in all creation the cactus is good for. Let me tell you. They are food, drink and the best physician on earth. In the deserts of Arizona and Mexico, they have saved many a man from death by thirst or starvation. The Mexican machete was originally designed to cut into these for the water they contained, and to cut off the edible fruits which grow on a great many varieties—but we were on the subject of rheumatism. The young spines of all cactus exude a gelatinous-like substance at the point which hardens and stiffens the stingers as they grow. This remains more or less soluble in the point and contains a vegetable alkali that will neutralize uric acid. I discovered the use of the stingers from the Yaqui Indians in Mexico, and let me tell you, by the way, that you never saw an uncivilized Indian suffer with rheumatism or any ailment."

#### How to Use Cactus Stingers.

"The most common method of using the stinger is to prick the arm with fresh appearing ones, allowing them to remain sticking in the flesh for a number of seconds. Just what alkaloid is contained in these stingers I have never determined. "All cactus of the varieties growing here contain the principles of salicine, which is an excellent febrifuge and tonic. The antiphlogistic properties of the cactus are remarkable. Remove the prickles from the leaf of a common prickly pear, split it and place on a boil—it will make you dance for a minute—but it does the work better than anything I know."

#### Will Purify Water.

"Water is scarce in some portions of the southern country, brackish and so alkaline as to be unfit for drink. Split a cactus, drop it into a pot of water, and in a few minutes all alkaline and foreign matter will be precipitated to the bottom of the vessel and the water will be clear and fit for use."

#### If There is any Merit in the Hobo's Tale,

a fair-sized dose of proper soil, a sunny situation, and a robust cactus should supply enough stingers to cure a numerous family of rheumatism.

## Hold-Up Confesses to the Officers

Man Who Attempted to Rob Saloon in Weiser Tells Story to the Sheriff.

#### Special to The Tribune.

WEISER, Idaho, June 28.—Charles Russell, the man who was arrested yesterday morning charged with being connected with an attempted hold-up in the Senate saloon Monday morning, made a confession today to the Sheriff. Adams said he had a confederate, the other man went in the saloon, he remained outside, the other escaped. The officers found a place where the robbers had left masks which they did not use. They also had a Winchester rifle which they did not take. Officers are searching for the other man who is said to have a family in the city. Russell will probably have a hearing tomorrow. The plans were well laid but miscarried owing to bravery of bartenders.

#### Oregon Wins First Prize.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 29.—Walter R. Miles, of Pacific college, Newberg, Ore., won the first prize of \$100 in the prohibition oratorical contest which was held in Tomlinson hall tonight.

## TORNADO STRIKES NEBRASKA

### No Mincing of Words in Finding.

#### Loss of Life Due to Misconduct of the Steamship Company.

Captain Criminally Responsible—Warrants Issued for Arrest of Directors and Officers.

#### Special to The Tribune.

H OLMESVILLE, Neb., June 28.—A tornado near this place today killed two persons, fatally injured a third and caused the severe injury of five others.

#### Dead.

Two children of S. J. Harris, 6 and 9 years old.

#### Fatally Injured.

Mrs. R. J. Harris.

#### Injured.

R. J. Harris, badly bruised on head and body.

Mrs. Harris's mother, aged lady, leg broken, body mangled, contusion on head, may not recover.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, not serious.

The tornado followed a sultry afternoon and came in the form of a funnel-shaped cloud. It struck several buildings before reaching the Harris home. At the latter place part of the family reached a cellar in safety, but Mrs. Harris and her son, Lewis, and a six-year-old daughter were unable to escape.

Great damage was done to crops and stock farms, houses were destroyed, but the occupants sought safety in cellars.

In Holmesville several buildings were blown to pieces and others unroofed, but no casualties are reported.

#### Battle at Dalin Hill Lasted Two Days

Brown Men Successfully Pushed the Russian Forces From Their Positions.

#### Special to The Tribune.

H AI CHENG, June 28.—The total losses in the Dalin hill fight are not yet known. Eighty wounded have arrived here, and on Sunday last a hospital train with 200 passed, going to Liao Yang. The fighting lasted the whole of June 26 and 27, and the Japanese successfully pushed the Russians from three positions, occupying them with artillery as the defenders retired.

Wounded Russians recounting the two days' fighting say that the Japanese again demonstrated their reliance on their artillery, and that they were greatly superior, both in number of guns and in guns.

On the second day of the fight they brought up a heavy battery, which silenced the lighter Russian guns and caused severe losses. The Japanese artillery practice, however, was inaccurate, and as usual they several times shelled empty positions or shot over the Russian columns.

The fight started at dawn ten miles southwest of Dalin hill. A Russian brigade held the position until noon, in the face of a heavy artillery fire, but the Russians were finally outflanked by infantry and cavalry, the Japanese actually getting a field battery in the rear of the Russian position. Then the brigade fell back. The Dalin hill fight continued from 1 o'clock till dark. The Japanese worked furiously all night long and replaced two batteries on the vacated Russian position.

The fighting was resumed at 3 a. m. on June 27. The Russians silenced the two Japanese batteries, but the Japanese brought up a train of big guns and silenced the Russian position. Then the brigade fell back. The Dalin hill fight continued from 1 o'clock till dark. The Japanese worked furiously all night long and replaced two batteries on the vacated Russian position.

The Russians carried off all their guns and got revenge on the Japanese cavalry column, which was caught in close formation and was shelled with terrific effect, being forced to scatter.

#### Government Inspector Guilty.

"That in the opinion of this jury the misconduct of Henry Lundberg, the Government inspector, in failing to report to the board of directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, the fact that the company's life-saving apparatus and fire appliances on the vessel in this harbor are in proper and suitable condition to prevent the loss of life, and we recommend to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor that he issue such instructions to the supervising and local force of inspectors as will cause them to efficiently and honestly examine the steamboats plying in and about this harbor."

#### Says He Is No Director.

Flood S. Corbin, named as one of the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, tonight said that he is not a director of the company, having been replaced at the last meeting of the company's stockholders in February, and that he does not own a single share of stock. He was much surprised by the verdict of the State jury.

#### To Aid Miners of Colorado.

BUTTE, Mont., June 28.—At a meeting of the business men and the unions tonight committee were appointed to solicit Silver Bow county to aid the miners of Colorado and their families who might be homeless. All of the unions throughout the State will be asked to contribute to the fund to be sent to Colorado.

#### Mark Twain Sails for Home.

NAPLES, June 28.—Samuel L. Clemens ("Mark Twain") sailed for New York today on the Hamburg-American line steamer Prinz Oskar with the yacht containing the remains of his wife, which will be interred at Elmira, N. Y.

## VERDICT IN THE SLOCUM HORROR

### No Mincing of Words in Finding.

#### Loss of Life Due to Misconduct of the Steamship Company.

Captain Criminally Responsible—Warrants Issued for Arrest of Directors and Officers.

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N EW YORK, June 28.—The inquiry conducted by Coroner Berry and a jury into the General Slocum disaster was concluded today, and, after nearly four hours deliberation, a verdict was rendered in which the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, Capt. Van Schaick of the Slocum, Capt. Pease, the commodore of the company's fleet, and others, were held criminally responsible. Warrants for their arrest were issued. The mate of the Slocum, according to the jury, acted in a cowardly manner, and the misconduct of Steamboat Inspector Lundberg, it was recommended, should be brought to the attention of the Federal authorities. The charge in each case was manslaughter. Bail was fixed by the Coroner varying from \$1000 to \$5000.

#### Warrants Issued.

When the Assistant District Attorney asked that warrants be issued after the verdict had been given Mr. McManus, for the steamboat company, protested that such procedure was unnecessary, as all the men were ready to appear and give bail when called for. The protest was of no avail.

The mate, Edward Flannagan, who was under detention as a witness, was the first arraigned. He pleaded not guilty, and his bail was fixed at \$1000. He was committed to jail.

#### Inspector Lundberg Plead Not Guilty

and was released on \$1000 bonds.

Bail was fixed at \$500 each for President Barnaby and Secretary Atkinson, and bonds were furnished at once.

#### Captain a Prisoner.

Capt. Van Schaick is a prisoner at the Lebaron hospital. Capt. Pease may not be arrested until tomorrow, when it is expected that the directors of the company will also be taken into custody. At the Assistant District Attorney's request, the Coroner committed Assistant Engineer Edwin Brandow and Deckhands Cookley and Handley as witnesses, sending them to the house of detention.

After the hearing out the jury had different officers and persons named, and their failure to perform their duty, the jury finds:

#### Finding of Jurors.

"That the president, Frank A. Barnaby, the secretary, James K. Atkinson, and the board of directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, namely, Frank A. Barnaby, Charles E. Hill, James K. Atkinson, C. J. DeLoach, Evans, Robert K. Story, Floyd S. Corbin and Frank G. Dexter, were guilty of criminal negligence in failing to secure the equipment of life-saving and fire-fighting appliances."

That Edward F. Flannagan, the mate, acted in a cowardly manner, and that he recommended that he be held criminally responsible for failure to perform his duty on the General Slocum on the day of the disaster.

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## ROBBED OF A FORTUNE IN A SLEEPING CAR

### PHILADELPHIA, June 28.—Walter Scott of New York reported to the police today that he had been robbed while asleep of \$12,000 in gold while on a Pullman car between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

## RANGE WAR THREATENED

### Militia May Be Called Out.

#### Nebraska Executive Is Appealed to Send Militia to Custer County.

#### Trouble Arises From Attempt of Cattle Barons to Take in Lands Wanted by Homesteaders.

#### Special to The Tribune.

L INCOLN, Neb., June 28.—Gov. Mickey has received requests from officers and Sheriffs in Custer county, Neb., for military to help keep order at Broken Bow and in the surrounding country, where thousands of persons have gathered for the opening of homesteads under the new Kinkaid land law. The Governor has ordered company M, of Broken Bow to be held in readiness.

#### Cause of Trouble.

The trouble arises from the fact that the cattle barons have sent their cowboys to file on Government lands that is now fenced and to interfere with homesteaders who are seeking claims under the provisions of the new law. The disputed land, which was thrown open to settlers today has been used by the ranchmen for grazing purposes. It has been fenced in by them, and their fences the Government ordered taken down in a bill passed by the last session of Congress. Many of the homesteaders at Broken Bow are armed and bloodshed is expected.

#### Nine Million Acres.

The lands opened under Kinkaid law, nine millions of acres in all, permits homesteaders to file on 640 acres of land. These lands are known as semi-arid lands and mostly adapted to grazing. It is the last great opening of Government land of this nature that will ever be made, and is the occasion of a rush for choice sections. The six land offices in Nebraska are the scenes of great excitement. At O'Neill, nearly 1000 persons, nearly 10 per cent of whom were women, were in line at sunrise this morning.

#### Excitement Is Intense.

The greatest excitement was at Broken Bow where over two million acres of the best land included in the provisions of the law were thrown open. At sunrise over 2000 persons were in line, and Sheriff Richardson, who had already taken extraordinary precautions to forestall trouble, today enlisted an extra force of deputies to keep order. Later he requested Gov. Mickey to order the militia out to assist in keeping order.

#### Gorman Has Not Entered a Combine

#### Maryland Senator Makes an Emphatic Statement Regarding Combining Convention.

#### WASHINGTON, June 28.—Senator Gorman today made the following statement regarding the report that he, with National Committeemen Guiley of Pennsylvania, McLean of Ohio, Smith of New Jersey and others, had held a conference here for the purpose of ascertaining how many votes could be combined in the convention against Judge Parker, the object being to secure more than one-third of the convention in order to prevent his nomination.

"The persistency and the regularity with which statements of this character have recently appeared would seem to indicate a studied desire to misrepresent me. The fact is that at all the conferences I have attended the conference was solely for proper organization of the convention, which it is the duty of the members of the National committee to consider. So far as I am concerned, I have no objection to any arrangement for effecting a combination to obstruct the efforts of any candidate for the nomination. The Maryland delegates have not yet determined the course they will pursue in regard to the candidates at St. Louis, and will probably not reach any conclusion until after their arrival at St. Louis, and after an opportunity to confer with the delegates from other States."

#### As to the two-thirds rule, it is necessary where the unit rule obtains, as in Democratic conventions; but in no case, since the adoption of the two-thirds rule, has any nomination been prevented when a candidate has had a clear and undoubted majority of the convention, and where that majority is composed of delegates from Democratic States. They have always controlled the convention.

"I have perfect confidence that the convention will adopt a sound, conservative platform and nominate a ticket which will command the confidence of the country."

#### Reduction Mill Is Closed Down

#### When Plant at Colorado City Is Reopened It Will Run With Non-Union Men.

#### Special to The Tribune.

COLORADO SPRINGS, June 28.—The reduction mill at Colorado City, owned by the Portland Gold Mining company, closed down this afternoon for two weeks. The necessity of making repairs and a shortage of ore, occasioned by the recent closing down of the mine at Victor by the military authorities are given as the reasons for the action. There is no doubt that the mill will be non-unionized when it resumes operations, since the Mill and Smeltermen's union is affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners against which the Portland directors directed themselves ten days ago. If this action is taken, the non-unionization of all four of the Colorado City reduction plants will be completed.